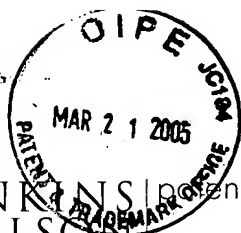


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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/692,150 for
METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF A METALLIC OR METAL-
CONTAINING LAYER
Our Ref. No. 1406/174

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment Transmittal Form;
2. An Amendment A; and
3. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

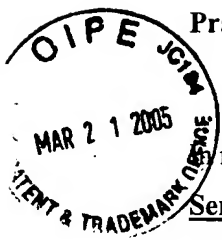
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Practitioner's Docket No. 1406/174

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: Hecht et al.

Group Art Unit: 1765

Serial No.: 10/692,150

Examiner: Not Assigned

Filed: October 21, 2003

Docket No. 1406/174

Confirmation No.: 9155

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF A METALLIC OR METAL-CONTAINING LAYER

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*

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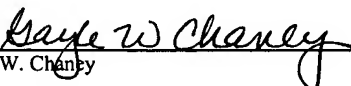
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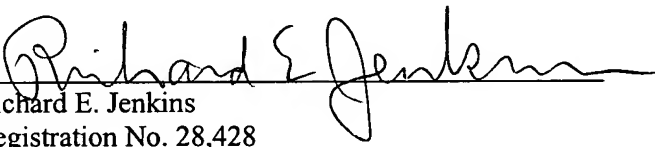
FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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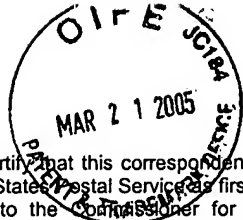
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Group Art Unit: 2818

Serial No.: 10/692,150

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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated January 10, 2005, having a term that will expire on April 10, 2005. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.